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Newly presented claims 7-12 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: they are to a method, while the original claims were to a composition

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 7-12 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

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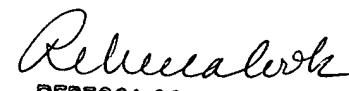
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